

Marion County Election Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 10:00 a.m.

City County Building Rm. 260

Board Members Present: Chairman Mark Sullivan; Vice Chairman Patrick Dietrick; Secretary Elizabeth “Beth” White; Director of Elections Myla Eldridge

Others Present: Counsel Andy Mallon; Counsel David J Lichtenberger ; Angie Nussmeyer; Michael Weiseman; Will French; Patrick Becker; Kristina Deckard; Jenny Troutman; Joseph Shestak; VR Cindy Mowery; VR LaDonna Freeman; RBM Keith McGinnis; RBM Dan McGinnis; RBM Janet Buchanan; RBM Todd Mullen; RBM Greg Hahn Charmaine Griffin; Carolyn Griffin; Chan-Ta Griffin; Emerson Blunt

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order.
- II. **Ratification of Meeting Minutes from 1/23/13:** Madame Clerk motioned to approve the minutes. Vice Chairman Dietrick seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- III. **Friends of Democracy (F.O.D.) Presentation:** Madame Clerk presented the F.O.D. award to the Griffin family – Charmaine, Carolyn, and Chan-Ta, who all have served as poll workers for the Election Board in whichever capacity was needed. They are flexible, willing to go to precincts that need help, and indicated a commitment to continue their service.
- IV. **Voter Experience Project:** Madame Clerk stated the voting equipment and software the county uses is more than 10 years old and outdated. Madame Clerk said there is a significant need to update the election software and voting equipment. The Voter Experience Project (VEP) was introduced as a process of researching new voting methods and corresponding voting equipment. Counsel Mallon stated a 30 person committee will be formed to help research voting methods, software and equipment options, as well as the needs and concerns of the voters in Marion County. The plan is to have the new voting model, machinery, and software in place by 2015.
- V. **The State of the Voting Machines and Software in Marion County presented by Election Service Vendor – RBM**
 - See attachment for PowerPoint presentation.
- VI. **Updates:** Madame Clerk stated there are election related bills currently being considered this legislative session, regarding which she and staff shall keep the board updated.
- VII. **Adjournment:** Chairman Sullivan adjourned the meeting

Signed: 3/13/2013

Chairman, Mark K. Sullivan

Vice Chairman, Patrick Dietrick

Secretary, Elizabeth L. White